LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) UN Committee on Convention on the Rights of the Child met in Geneva in January, 2000. In its final observations the Committee noted the amendments to the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. It expressed concern at the large numbers of working children and against non-enforcement of minimum age standards for employment. It recommended ratification of ILO Convention No. 138 concerning the minimum age for admission to employment and No. 182 concerning prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the worst forms of Child Labour. Steps have already been initiated towards ratification of ILO Convention Nos. 38 and 182.

Vacant posts of Presiding Officers in Central Industrial Tribunals

823. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several posts of Presiding Officers and Staff are lying vacant in Central Industrial Tribunals;

(b) if so, the names of such tribunals and the details of vacancies including period thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN **THE** MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) Statement showing the vacant posts of Presiding Officers and Staff in Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts.

SI. No	Name of CGIT-cum-Labour Court	Vacancy Position	
		Name of Posts	Date of vacancy
1	2	3	4
1.	Asansol	1. Presiding Officer 2. P.A. 3. LDC	10-7-99 1-6-99 1-4-93
2.	Bangalore	1. Presiding Officer 2. UDC 3. LDC	7-10-99 2-5-98 27-10-93
3.	Calcutta	1. Presiding Officer	1-2-2000
4.	Dhanbad No. 2	1. Presiding Officer	1-12-99
5.	Jabalpur	1. Presiding Officer 2. Secretary 'to Court	14-1-2000 1- 2-2000
6.	Jaipur	1. Secretary to Court 2. Daftry	1-9-98 1-9-98
7.	Kanpur	1. Presiding Officer	8-12-98
8.	Mumbai No. 1	1. Presiding Officer	8-1-2000
9.	Chennai	1. Presiding Officer	24-5-99
10.	Bhubaneshwar	1. Presiding Officer 2. Daftry	24-5-99 24-5-99
11.	Nagpur	1. P.A. 2. UDC	15-9-98 15-9-98
12.	Hyderabad	1. Presiding Officer	24-5-99

Offer of appointment for the post of Presiding Officer, CGIT-cum-Labour Court, Kanpur has been issued on 15-2-2000. Selection of Presiding Officers for CGIT-cum-Labour Court Chennai and Bhubaneshwar has been made and sent to the Competent Authority. As regards the remaining vacant posts, steps are being taken to fill up the vacancies expeditiously.